

HOUSE BILL 3108

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 24 and Title 68, Chapter 102, Part 1,
relative to fire prevention and investigation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-24-106, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language to be designated as subsection (b):

(b) The commission shall develop a system of grants to enable volunteer fire service personnel to attend the fire academy tuition free, to the greatest extent possible. Payments for such grants shall be made from the fire prevention fund created and maintained pursuant to § 68-102-142.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-102-142, is amended by deleting the language: "This sum shall be held in a separate fund by the commissioner, and shall be designated as the fire prevention fund, for the maintenance of the division of fire prevention, and the payment out of the fund for the expenses and maintenance of the division shall be made only on the warrant of the commissioner, and any and all moneys on hand in this division at the end of each fiscal year shall be turned in to the general fund of the state; provided, that this state shall in no way be liable for the salaries or expenses of the fire prevention division other than the fund as provided in this section for such purposes.", and by substituting instead the language:

"This sum shall be held in a separate fund by the commissioner, and shall be designated as the fire prevention fund, for the maintenance of the division of fire prevention, and in accordance with § 4-24-106(b) to provide grants to enable volunteer fire service personnel to attend the fire academy tuition free to the greatest extent possible. The

payment out of the fund for the expenses, maintenance of the division and such grants shall be made only on the warrant of the commissioner. Any and all moneys on hand in such fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year; provided, that this state shall in no way be liable for the salaries or expenses of the fire prevention division other than the fund as provided in this section for such purposes.”.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.